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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS FOR ENHANCING SILICON DIOXIDE TO SILICON NITRIDE SELECTIVITY** (as amended during prosecution), the Specification of which:

☒ was filed on August 6, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/923,058.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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This application is a continuation of:

U.S. application serial no. 09/344,277, filed June 30, 1999; which is continuation application of

U.S. application Ser. No. 08/905,891, filed Aug. 4, 1997; which was a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/152,755, filed Nov. 15, 1993, which was a continuation-in-part of

U.S. application Ser. No. 07/898,505, filed Jun. 15, 1992.

Priority is claimed to all of these prior applications.

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